



# Sk8ter's Edge

West Toronto Skating Club

January 2018

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because of the parent  
volunteers who devote  
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[The Bentway](#), a new public space designed by PUBLIC WORK and Ken Greenberg Consultants located under the Gardiner Expressway, reimagines how Torontonians gather and experience art and events downtown.

The Bentway is opening their **Figure Eight Skate Trail** and want you to help them celebrate! They will be holding a special event for press on **Friday January 5 from 1-3 pm**. There will be a short formal announcement, a special demonstration of ice breaking (break-dancing on ice), and then you would be able to get out there and show the press what skating is all about!

The Skate Trail, will officially open to the public on **Saturday, January 6** at 11am – WTSC's friend Dylan Moscovitch and his partner Lubov Ilyushechkina will be a part of the opening day events.

On **Sunday, January 7**, The Bentway will host the Mayor's Skate Party from 1-4pm. Complimentary skate rentals and hot chocolate will be available during the fun, family event.

The Skate Trail is located under the Gardiner Expressway right beside the Fort York Visitor Centre (250 Fort York Blvd.) between Strachan Ave. and Bathurst St. It is 220m and stretches from just east of the Visitor Centre to Bastion St.

Winter Season runs from January 6 to mid-March (weather permitting).

Check the Bentway website for more information [www.thebentway.ca/](http://www.thebentway.ca/).



## Mini Olympics and Showcase

Thank you for coming out to our CanSkate Mini-Olympics and STARSSkate Exhibition on Saturday Dec 16! It was so great to see everyone show their stuff on the ice.

We were treated to the talents of our skaters - from our most junior Pre-CanSkaters to our accomplished Star Skaters.

The event could not have come together without the organization and dedication of our Coordinators and coaches who volunteered their time on Saturday. A big shout out also goes to Tanja, our always capable Office Manager, and the parent volunteers who came out to set up early, act as ice captain and generally helped where the need arose. It was a great team and we wanted to thank everyone who came to participate, help or enjoy!

### First day of all sessions is Monday January 8.

Pre-CanSkate programs are all full.

Minimal spots left for CanSkate.



## STARSSkate Test Days at WTSC

**Tuesday Feb 13**  
(SR Bronze-Gold/Diamond)  
test envelopes due Jan 30

**Thursday Apr 19**

## New STARSkate Coordinator Pam Baleva

The WTSC Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Pam Baleva as STARSkate Coordinator, effective January 1, 2018, for the Winter/Spring 2018 term.

Pam has been a skating coach since 2002 with various clubs in the GTA - including our very own WTSC several years ago! She brings to the role not only her coaching experience but also prior administrative experience as STAR 1-3 Convener, CanSkate Convener and Ice Show Director for Silver Blades Skating Club. In addition to her skating and coaching experience, Pam is also a Registered Practical Nurse (non-practicing). With her positive energy and strong skill set, Pam is very well positioned to take on this key role and make meaningful contributions to the STARSkate program at WTSC.

We look forward to welcoming Pam (back) to the Club!

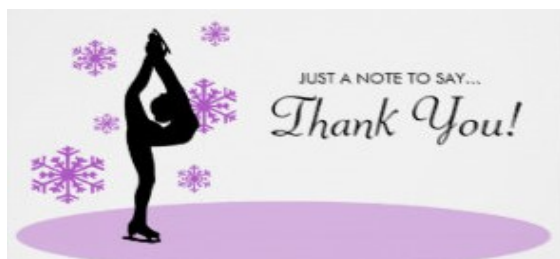
### Tips For Buying Used Skates

- Wiggle the blades to make sure they are securely attached.
- Make sure the stitched areas of the leather are not coming apart.
- Make sure leather skates give adequate ankle support, the leather in the ankle area should not be worn or wrinkled.
- If the skates have a liner remove it to check whether the boot has begun to rot inside (due to excessive moisture and improper drying).
- Avoid buying hard plastic skates and adjustable sized skates.
- Avoid buying skates a size larger, as they tend to break down faster and hamper your child's progress and more importantly could create long term foot problems
- Skaters should consult their private coach before purchasing new or used skates.



**General Care of Boots and Blades:** Proper care of the boots and blades can help them last longer. When removing skates, unlace them enough before taking them off so that the back of the boot does not break down or rip. Blades and soles must be dried carefully with a soft cloth. Remove guards and wipe / wash them. Grit and dirt become lodged in the tracks of the guards. Replace guards occasionally. Cover dried blades with soft blade covers (terry cloth or soft fabric). **We sell new soft blade covers—ask in the office.** Take skates out of bag at home to let them air dry at normal temperatures to avoid rotting and rust.

## Thank you to all who contributed!



Thank you so much to everyone for your contributions to the Holiday Gift Collection for our WTSC Coaches. Your generosity yielded an amazing \$460! The funds were distributed to

all the coaches in the form of a Winners/HomeSense Gift Card. We know the coaches will appreciate this gesture and we thank you for your participation.

# Meet the Coach



## Victoria Granova

**Coaching since:** 2011

**Years coaching at WTSC:** 7

**Skate Canada coaching qualification(s):** CanSkate Certified

**Spinning and Jumping direction:** Counter clockwise

**Favourite Ice Dance:** All of them!

**Favourite Jump:** Split jump

**Favourite Spin:** Tied between Flying Camel and the Illusion.

**When did you first begin skating and where?:** South Africa in 2001

**What is your favourite thing to do when you are not on the ice?:** Dancing, all types!

**Who inspired you the most as a young skater?:** The intense passion, artistry, and strength of Olympic skaters. One specific point of inspiration was Alexei Yagudin in his 2002 Iron Mask programme (search for him on Youtube!)

**When I am not coaching:** I am working with an awesome team as an accountant.

**The most important advice you would give skaters?:** Face your fears, find your passion, and pursue it.

## Club Calendar

### January 8

STARSkate sessions resume  
CanSkate and PowerSkate winter session begins

### February 13

STARSkate Test Day

### February 19

Family Day  
Club Closed

### March 12- March 18

March Break - Club closed

### March 31

Easter - Club Closed

### April 18

Last PowerSkate Winter Session

### Apr 19

STARSkate Test Day  
(change of schedule)

### April 21

Mini Olympics  
Last CanSkate/STARSkate Winter Session

### April 30

Spring CanSkate/PowerSkate and STARSkate sessions begin



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### Fall/Winter Office Hours

Mon 5:00-7:30 pm  
Tues 6:00-7:30 pm  
Wed 5:00-7:30 pm  
Thurs 6:00-7:30 pm  
Sat 3:00-7:00 pm